
BOROUGH OF TODMORDEN

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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

(N. E. GORDON, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.)

Including the Report of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

(C. BAXTER, M.A.P.H.I., C.S.I.B.)

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December 1968

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- * C. E. DUFFY, S.R.N., R.N.M.S.

Home Nurses

- MRS. M. BERWICK, S.R.N., Queen's Nurse.
- MISS M. GIBSON, S.R.N., Queen's Nurse.
- MRS. M. BAIRSTOW, S.R.N., (Temp.) (part-time)
- MRS. M. LINGARD, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Divisional Relief Home Nurse)

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- MISS P. STANSFIELD, S.C.M. (retired 21.2.68.)
- *MRS. C. SPENCER, S.C.M., (Divisional Relief Midwife)
- MISS D. E. BAILEY, S.C.M. (commenced 1.1.68 - resigned 31.10.68)

Dental Attendant

- MRS. M. CRIDGE (resigned 8.4.68.)

* Also have duties in other parts of this Division.

Joint Clerical Staff - engaged in all constituent districts of the Division, viz:- Todmorden, Hebden Royd, Hepton, Sowerby Bridge and Ripponden.

Senior Divisional Clerk: H. MARSHALL, A.C.I.S., A.R.S.H.

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HALIFAX AREA HOSPITALS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEEConsultant StaffChest Physician

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THE ABRAHAM ORMEROD MEDICAL CENTRE,
TODMORDEN.

April, 1970.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the twenty-second Annual Report since the inception of the scheme of Divisional Health Administration.

Under the Divisional Health Scheme your Medical Officer of Health is also Divisional Medical Officer for the West Riding County Council's local health services, and with the amalgamation of the former Todmorden and Brighouse divisions, he now has similar functions and responsibilities in respect of the other seven districts in the enlarged division, which includes all the County area served by the Halifax Hospitals.

The birth rate in 1968 was 15.8 per thousand which is an average figure for the Borough. The infant mortality rate was 36.1 per thousand live births; this is higher than usual but there is a considerable fluctuation from year to year as this rate is based on very small numbers. The death rate was 15.2 per thousand, again an average figure for Todmorden, but very much higher than that for the rest of the country. The excess was again due to degenerative conditions which reflects the high proportion of old people in the local population.

The regulations regarding the notification of infectious diseases were amended during 1968, first when infective jaundice was made notifiable in June and then in October the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1968 made some further additions and changes. The most prevalent infection notified during the year was measles of which there were 66 cases. An intensive vaccination campaign was started in April, and a total of 1922 susceptible children were vaccinated in this Health Division.

Once again I am able to report that only four cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year and only 12 cases have been notified in the past four years. This is a remarkable improvement when one considers that only 15 years ago this Borough was receiving as many as 30 notifications each year. Many factors have contributed towards this improvement such as early diagnosis by the Mass Radiography Service, the availability of hospital beds and new and very effective forms of treatment; but equally important is the higher standard of living now enjoyed by most of the community and especially the demolition of the worst of our substandard houses. The Council has always been most co-operative in allocating houses to cases with medical priority and this policy has played a significant role in the control and prevention of Tuberculosis.

The Public Health Department has continued to advise, to inspect and to sample in order to ensure that standards are observed with regard to food hygiene, pure milk, clean water and clean air. During the year 151 samples were taken of untreated farm bottled milk and in three cases brucella organisms were found. The farmers concerned were most co-operative in identifying and isolating the infected animals and it was not necessary to serve any notices requiring them to submit milk for heat treatment. Private water supplies were sampled both in routine tests and in connection with applications for improvement grants. A small proportion showed evidence of bacterial pollution, but once again I was concerned at the fact that two thirds of the samples taken had a significant lead content. In each case the owners were encouraged to treat the water at source and to replace lead pipes. Whilst some of these unsatisfactory water supplies are in remote or elevated positions, a considerable number are in the valleys and reasonably convenient to a piped water supply and could be dealt with by modest extensions of the mains.

A further smoke control area became operative in 1968 and over 50% of the premises in the Borough are now included in smoke controlled areas.

The Council's clearance programme was unable to be fulfilled this year in view of continued difficulty and delay in re-housing tenants from houses which should have been demolished in previous years. Many of the substandard properties have been occupied by old people and there has been considerable pressure on any suitable houses from needy cases on the waiting list in addition to those from clearance areas. The Council has continued to encourage the improvement of older houses and in 1968 a further 104 applications were approved and 87 improvements were completed. This scheme has helped to give a new lease of life to much of our older property.

The accommodation at the Abraham Ormerod Medical Centre is now to be shared by a group of four General Practitioners in addition to the Local Authority's health services. Plans for the necessary adaptations were drawn up during the year and the work was eventually put in hand in December.

The chiropody service continued to be appreciated. During the year 592 patients received 2867 treatments at the clinic and a further 245 patients, who could not attend, received 1127 treatments at home.

The meals on wheels service which is organised by the Todmorden Needy Sick Fund continued to supply 24 warm meals on four days each week in the Borough. Plans are being prepared for additional accommodation for old people by the Council at Cobden and the West Riding County Council also has a proposal for a further old persons home in Todmorden in the near future. This additional accommodation should make a significant contribution towards supplying the need for old people's accommodation in Todmorden and it is hoped that the communal facilities will benefit an even wider selection of the community; in particular it should enable the meals service to be more widely available.

In conclusion, Ladies and Gentlemen, may I thank you for your kindness, patience, and co-operation. I also wish to express my deep appreciation of the consistently loyal and energetic work of the staff of this Department.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

N. E. GORDON, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION 1

VITAL STATISTICS

Statistics

Area - 12,790 acres.

Population - Census 1961 - 17,428 persons.

Registrar General's estimate of Resident Population mid 1968 - 15,780.

Number of dwellinghouses - 6,703

Rateable Value at 1.4.68 - £381,849.

Estimated product of a penny rate for year 1967/8 - £1,498

Rainfall at Gorpley Reservoir during 1968 - 65.68 inches.

* Summary of Vital Statistics

	Total	M	F		
Live Births	249	131	118	Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	15.8
Still Births	3	1	2	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births	11.5
Total live and still Births	252	132	120		
Death of Infants				Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	
Under 1 year (total)	9	2	7	total	36.1
Under 1 year (legitimate)	8	1	7	legitimate	32.1
Under 1 year (illegitimate)	1	1	-	illegitimate (per 1,000 illegitimate live births)	35.7
Under 4 weeks	7	1	6	Neo-natal mortality rate	28.1
Under 1 week	4	-	4	Early neo-natal mortality rate	16.1
Illegitimate Live Births	28	12	16	Percentage of total live births	11.2
Maternal Deaths (Associated with pregnancy or childbirth)	-	-	-	Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births	0.0
All deaths	240	118	122	Death Rate per 1,000 population	15.2

* These figures include births and deaths outside the Borough in respect of those usually resident in Todmorden.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN TODMORDEN M.B.

1968.

					M.	F.
B5	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	..	..	..	1	1
B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	..	..	..	2	5
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	..	..	..	6	2
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	..	..	..	-	4
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	..	..	..	-	3
B19(5)	Leukaemia	..	..	..	-	1
B19(6)	Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	..	..	..	9	10
B20	Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	..	..	..	1	-
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	..	..	..	-	2
B23	Anaemias	..	..	..	-	1
B46(2)	Other Diseases of Blood, etc.	..	..	..	-	1
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	..	..	..	2	1
B27	Hypertensive Disease	..	..	..	2	2
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	..	..	..	38	24
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	..	..	..	4	9
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	..	..	..	11	22
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	..	..	..	8	9
B32	Pneumonia	..	..	..	9	3
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	..	..	..	12	2
B33(2)	Asthma	..	..	..	1	-
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	..	..	..	1	1
B35	Appendicitis	..	..	..	1	-
B37	Cirrhosis of Liver	..	..	..	1	1
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	..	..	..	1	2
B38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	..	..	..	2	-
B46(8)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	..	..	..	1	-
B42	Congenital Anomalies	..	..	..	-	1
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	..	..	..	-	3
B44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	..	..	..	1	2
B45	Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	..	..	..	1	3
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	..	..	..	-	2
BE48	All Other Accidents	..	..	..	2	3
BE49	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	..	..	..	1	1
BE50	All Other External Causes	..	..	..	-	1
Total All Causes					118	122

PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR 1968

based on the Registrar General's figures

Birth Rate (per 1,000 estimated population)	Todmorden M.B.	Hepton R.D.	Hebden Royd U.D.	Sowerby Bridge U.D.	Ripponden U.D.	Aggregate W. Riding Urban Districts	West Riding Administrative County	England and Wales (provisional figures)
<u>Death Rate</u> (all per 1,000 estimated home population)								
All causes	15.2	9.5	18.0	14.2	15.0	12.3	11.6	11.9
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	0.13	-	0.11	-	-	0.03	0.03	0.03
Other forms of tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	0.02	0.01	0.01
Cancer	2.66	2.24	2.83	2.99	3.24	2.25	2.14	2.32
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2.09	1.12	3.51	1.50	1.62	1.89	1.76	**
Heart and circulatory diseases <u>1</u>	6.27	3.64	7.69	5.99	6.07	4.64	4.34	**
Respiratory disease <u>2</u> (excluding tuberculosis of respiratory system)	1.84	1.68	2.38	1.80	2.02	1.74	1.66	**
<u>Infant Mortality</u> (deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	36.1	-	22.6	27.0	54.1	19.7	18.5	18.3
<u>Maternal Mortality</u> (deaths of mothers associated with pregnancy or childbirth per 1,000 live and still births)	-	-	-	-	-	0.09	0.09	0.24

1 Combined death rate from heart disease and other diseases of the circulatory system

2 Combines death rate from influenza, pneumonia, bronchitis and other respiratory diseases, excluding tuberculosis

of respiratory system

** Figures not available

S E C T I O N I IGENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICESA. HOSPITALS

There is no General Hospital in the Borough of Todmorden. Patients requiring hospital treatment are referred as a rule to hospitals under the administration of the Halifax Hospitals Management Committee (National Health Service). Included in this group are the Halifax General Hospital, the Royal Halifax Infirmary, St. John's Hospital (for the aged and chronic sick), Northowram Hall Infectious Diseases Hospital, Todmorden Fielden Hospital and Todmorden Stansfield View Hospital (for mentally sub-normal patients).

Maternity beds are available at the Halifax General Hospital. Priority in booking is given to abnormal cases, mothers expecting their first child and mothers with unsatisfactory home conditions.

Special Hospitals (e.g. Mental Hospitals, special Orthopaedic Hospitals, Tuberculosis Sanatoria etc.) outside the Halifax area are available when required. They are situated in various parts of the so-called "Leeds Hospital Region" which in fact extends into all three Ridings.

B. AMBULANCE SERVICE

The West Riding County Council maintain an Ambulance Depot at Stansfield Road, Todmorden, with an establishment at the end of 1968 of a Station Officer, eighteen full-time Driver-Attendants, and five vehicles. The area served covers Todmorden Borough, part of Hebden Royd U.D. area and the Hepton Rural District.

C. LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at laboratories in Wakefield and Bradford, and by the Regional Blood Transfusion Service at Leeds. There are also facilities for the examination of clinical specimens, including cervical smears, at the Royal Halifax Infirmary.

D. ISSUE OF ANTI-TOXIN ETC.

Supplies of diphtheria and tetanus anti-toxin are available at the Northowram Hospital and the Royal Halifax Infirmary for issue to medical practitioners requiring them. By arrangement with the Regional Hospital Board supplies of tetanus anti-toxin are also kept at the Medical Centre, Todmorden, for use of local medical practitioners in the Division. A supply of reagents for diphtheria and whooping cough immunisation is also available free of charge to private practitioners who have undertaken to participate in the West Riding County Council's scheme of immunisation. Poliomyelitis vaccine is also issued in accordance with the approved arrangements.

SECTION IIIW.R.C.C. PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICECLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRESInfant Welfare

* Abraham Ormerod Medical Centre
Vale Baptist Sunday School, Cornholme
Walsden Wesley Sunday School

Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Tuesdays
Thursdays

2.0 to 4.0 p.m.
2.0 to 4.0 p.m.
2.0 to 4.0 p.m.

Ante-Natal and Post Natal

Abraham Ormerod Medical Centre

Thursdays (alternate)

1.30 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

Chiropody (for pensioners etc.)

Abraham Ormerod Medical Centre

As required

By appointment

School Clinics

Abraham Ormerod Medical Centre

- (a) * Minor Ailments
(b) Dental

Mondays to Fridays inclusive
As required

1.30 p.m.
9.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

- (c) Ophthalmic
(d) Ear, Nose and Throat
(e) Orthopaedic

As required
As required
Monday and Thursday afternoons

By arrangement
By arrangement
By arrangement

Poliomyelitis VaccinationSmallpox VaccinationDiphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus Immunisation

) available at all Infant Welfare Centres

* Medical Officer in attendance Wednesdays only

Child Welfare Clinics

Clinics were held at the Abraham Ormerod Medical Centre on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and at Cornholme and Walsden on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons respectively. A record of the work done in 1968 is given in the following table:-

	Medical Centre	Cornholme	Walsden	Total
No. of sessions	109	51	51	211
No. of children who attended:-				
(a) Under 1 year old	160	45	45	250
(b) Born in 1967	146	41	50	237
(c) Born 1963-66	234	57	119	410
No. of attendances by children:-				
(a) Under 1 year	1173	590	463	2226
(b) 1 but under 2 years	1099	696	718	2513
(c) 2 but under 5 years	622	347	888	1857
Total attendances	2894	1633	2069	6596
Average attendance per session	26	32	41	31

Home Visiting by Health Visitors

No. of Ante-Natal Visits:-	
First Visits	55
No. of Visits to Children under 1 Year:-	
First Visits	236
No. of first Visits to Children 1 - 2 years	280
No. of first Visits to Children 2 - 5 years	733
Other first Visits	283
Total Home First Visits	1587

The Care of Premature Infants

Special equipment and nursing staff are available for use in the home in cases requiring them. A portable incubator is maintained at the Todmorden Ambulance Station, should it be necessary to transfer a premature infant to hospital.

The Care of Illegitimate Children

Every effort is made to find a suitable home for the child

either with the mother or with the grandparents. Special advice about legal adoption is given if it is desired. These cases are seen in the home by the Health Visitor and encouraged to attend the Infant Welfare Centre regularly.

Provision of Welfare Foods etc.

Proprietary brands of milk and other infant foods are sold at the Child Welfare Clinic sessions for the convenience of mothers.

In addition, the distribution of cod liver oil, orange juice, vitamin A and D tablets, and National Dried Milk, is carried out at the three Child Welfare Clinics on behalf of the Ministry of Food. A full-time counter service for these items only is provided at the Abraham Ormerod Medical Centre.

Provision of Maternity Outfits

These are provided free to mothers preparing for confinement in their own homes.

G. PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME

The County Council are responsible for the home nursing in Todmorden. Two whole-time and one part-time nurses were employed.

Midwifery

Two whole-time midwives are employed by the County Council to serve the Todmorden area.

The following table shows the number of Todmorden women confined in hospital, private nursing homes, or delivered by midwives and private practitioners in Todmorden or elsewhere so far as has been ascertained

1968	No.	%
No. delivered in hospital	154	62.3
No. delivered in private nursing homes	-	-
No. delivered by W.R.C.C. midwives	93	37.6
No. delivered by doctors (including the difficult cases met with by W.R.C.C. midwives in their practice where a doctor had to be sent for to effect delivery)	-	0.0
Total (including still births) so far as can be ascertained	247	100.0

Emergency Obstetric Unit

The "flying squad" attached to Halifax General Hospital is available for obstetric emergencies in the town.

Analgesia

Both midwives are trained in the administration of gas and air and trilene analgesia and provided with the necessary equipment. Analgesia is available to all mothers desiring it subject to satisfactory medical examination by a doctor.

D. HEALTH VISITING

The duties of the Health Visitor are combined with those of School Nurse. In pursuance of the National Health Service Act the scope of this service includes home visiting for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of children, and persons (including adults) suffering from illness, and of expectant and nursing mothers. The Health Visitor also gives advice in the home as to measures necessary to prevent the spread of infection.

E. HOME HELPS

During 1968, 149 cases were attended by Home Helps as compared with 160 cases the previous year and the total number of hours worked was 15,530.

In accordance with the National Health Service Act, the County Council provides domestic help for households "where such help is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally defective aged, or a child not over compulsory school age".

Of the 149 cases attended in 1968, Home Helps were provided for the following reasons:- 9 maternity, and 140 chronic sick.

F. CARE AND AFTER CARE

Special provisions are in operation for the care and after care of patients suffering from tuberculosis, mental illness or sub-normality, venereal disease, and other illness.

Tuberculosis

A full-time tuberculosis health visitor is employed in the Division. She attends the chest clinics at the Halifax Royal Infirmary and has helped to forge a valuable link with the hospital services. She is also responsible for visiting patients at home and helps to trace and supervise their contacts. In 1968, visits were paid to 128 households in the Division.

Mental Health Service in Division 19 in 1968

(a) Mental Illness.

Number of patients in the division referred to Mental Welfare Officers	304
Number admitted to hospitals under the Mental Health Act, 1959, Section 5 (voluntary admission)	95
Number admitted to hospitals under the Mental Health Act, 1959, Section 25, for observation	6
Number admitted to hospitals under the Mental Health Act, 1959, Section 26, for treatment	2
Number admitted to hospitals under the Mental Health Act, 1959, Section 29 (emergency admission)	22
Number admitted to hospitals under the Mental Health Act, 1959, Section 60 (from Court)	-
Number of visits made to mentally ill patients	2236

(b) Care of sub-normal patients.

Number of patients attending day training centres	28
Number awaiting places in training centres	-
Number of patients in hospitals	70
Number awaiting admission to hospital	-
Number admitted to hospital for short stay care in 1968 ..	7
Number receiving care from the local health authority ..	73
Number of visits paid to sub-normal cases	426

G. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Number of schools in district	14
Number of children in attendance at school at end of 1968	2239
Number of children examined at school during 1968	993
(this figure made up as follows)	

Routine examinations	275
Re-examinations	718
Number of children referred for treatment	20

Minor Ailments Clinic

277 children made 381 attendances at the minor ailments clinic during the year.

Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic

Two sessions were held by Mr. Ironside at the Medical Centre and 46 Todmorden children were seen by him. Of the children inspected at this and previous sessions, 25 received operative treatment at the Halifax Royal Infirmary during 1968.

Dental Clinic

The following table gives a record of work done in Division 18(t) during the year:-

<u>Dental Inspection and Treatment</u>									
Number of children inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4898
Number of children offered treatment	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2360
Number of children treated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1078
Number of attendances	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2562
<u>Number of Extractions</u>									
Temporary teeth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1338
Permanent teeth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	298
<u>Number of Fillings</u>									
Temporary teeth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	120
Permanent teeth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1416
<u>Number of General Anaesthetics</u>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	564

Ophthalmic Clinic

Dr. Davies held 45 eye clinics during the year and 396 Todmorden school children were seen by him and glasses were prescribed where necessary.

H. IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

In accordance with the National Health Service Act, immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough and vaccination against smallpox may be done either at the clinic or by the family doctor.

Diphtheria Immunisation

- (i) Number of children in Todmorden who completed a full course of Diphtheria Immunisation, 1968:-

Age at 31.12.68.	0-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
i.e. born	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Completed primary injections 1968	52	93	4	-	2	1	1	2	2
Age at 31.12.68	9	10 - 14							
i.e. born	1959	1954 - 58							
Completed primary injections 1968	1	7			Total 165				

Number of children who received a re-inforcing injection during the year 1968.

Born 1964 - 67	1959 - 63	1954 - 58	Total
4	123	9	136

(ii) Number of children in Todmorden who had completed a full course of Diphtheria Immunisation at any time to 31.12.68.

Age i.e. born in	Under 1 1968	1 1967	2 1966	3 1965	4 1964	5 to 9 1959-63	10 to 14 1954-58	Total under 15
	52	177	199	196	229	992	1038	2883

Whooping Cough Immunisation

(i) Number of children in Todmorden who completed a full course of Whooping Cough Immunisation, 1968.

Age at 31.12.68. i.e. born in year	Under 1 1968	1 1967	2 1966	3 1965	4 1964	Total
No. immunised	52	90	3	-	2	147

During the year there was one case of whooping cough notified.

(ii) Immunisation in relation to child population.

Number of children at 31st December, 1968, who had completed course of immunisation against whooping cough at any time before that date.

Age at 31.12.68 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1968	1 1967	2 1966	3 1965	4 1964	5 to 9 1959-63	10 to 14 1954-58	Total
No. immunised	51	174	196	195	223	953	833	2625

Vaccination against Smallpox

During the year vaccination against smallpox was notified to me as follows:-

Age at date of vaccina- tion	Under 1	1 yr	2-4 yrs	5-14 yrs	15 yrs or over	Total
No. vaccinated	-	76	13	4	9	102
No. re- vaccinated	-	-	-	2	35	37

S E C T I O N I V

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Summary of Notifications received during 1968

<u>Diseases</u>	Total cases notified
Scarlet Fever	1
Whooping Cough	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Measles	66
Diphtheria	-
Dysentery	24
Meningococcal Infection	-
Pneumonia	1
Smallpox	-
Acute Encephalitis	-
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Erysipelas	1
Food Poisoning	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1
Infective Jaundice	22
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3
Other forms of Tuberculosis	1
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Tuberculosis Services

The following table gives the position regarding tuberculosis in Todmorden in 1968:-

	Respiratory			Non-Resp.			Totals
	M	F	Tt	M	F	Tt	
No. on Register on 1st Jan. 1968	35	13	48	3	3	6	54
No. first notified during 1968	1	2	3	-	1	1	4
No. of cases restored to register	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases entered in register other than by notification	2	1	3	-	-	-	3
No. removed from register during 1968							
(a) Died	2	2	4	-	-	-	4
(b) Removed from district	1	1	2	1	-	1	3
(c) Recovered	4	1	5	-	-	-	5
No. remaining on Register 31.12.68	31	12	43	2	4	6	49

SECTION VWATER SUPPLIESCalderdale Water Board Supply

The number of dwellings supplied by the Calderdale Water Board at the end of the year was 5,577.

The water is from upland surfaces and is naturally soft and of an acid character. The water is treated by slow sand filtration through sand and limestone dust. A chlorinator is installed at the waterworks.

A bulk supply is obtained from Rochdale Corporation and in addition a further 18 dwellings in the Warland area are also served by this supply.

Samples of the water after treatment were taken during the year with the following results:-

Bacteriological	- 7	satisfactory	NIL - unsatisfactory
Plumbo-solvency	- 4	satisfactory	NIL - unsatisfactory
Chemical	- NIL	satisfactory	NIL - unsatisfactory

Private Supplies

There are 233 separate supplies in the Borough serving 1,126 houses. The supplies are derived mainly from springs, the water being generally conveyed to storage chambers from which it is piped to the house.

Samples were taken during the year with the following results:-

Bacteriological	- 27	satisfactory	6 unsatisfactory
Plumbo-solvency	- 23	satisfactory	41 unsatisfactory

All the unsatisfactory bacteriological samples were obtained from small supplies, the main causes of pollution being due to defective pipe lines between sources of supply and storage tanks, or to the cleansing of the storage tanks having been neglected and invariably when these defects had been remedied satisfactory samples were obtained.

Unsatisfactory plumbo-solvency samples were obtained from 14 small supplies and 1 of the larger supplies. The highest concentration of lead found in the samples which was from a small supply was 2.4mg. per litre after standing in the pipes overnight and 2.0mg. per litre after standing in the pipes for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Ministry of Health water is deemed to be unsatisfactory when lead in excess of 0.3mg. per litre is found after standing in the pipes overnight or 0.1 mg per litre after standing in the pipes

for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

The majority of unsatisfactory samples are obtained from isolated dwellings and it is impossible to provide them with a public supply. In these cases the owners have been requested to replace all lead pipe with plastic pipe or to neutralize the acidity of the water by the addition of limestone chippings to the supply.

Where an owner elects to remove all lead pipe and to replace with plastic pipes to give a satisfactory drinking water supply, it is never-the-less strongly recommended that steps be taken to neutralize the acidity of the water in order to mitigate the corrosive action of the water on other metals, particularly copper which is used extensively in hot water systems.

Every endeavour is being made to obtain samples from all the private supplies in the Borough, but in view of the large number this will take time. Where however applications are received for Housing Improvement Grants samples are obtained without delay and if unsatisfactory are followed through until satisfactory reports are obtained so as to enable the grant to be certified for payment.

Swimming Baths

There are no public swimming baths in the Borough. The swimming bath situated at Shade School, Rochdale Road, Todmorden, is for the exclusive use of school children, Technical School Students and members of Todmorden Swimming Club.

The source of water used for filling the bath is from the Calderdale Water Board Public Supply. Frequent emptying and filling of the bath is unnecessary as the water is continually filtered, aerated and chlorinated.

Examination for the free chlorine content of the water are carried out by the bath attendant and samples of the water are taken periodically for bacteriological examination.

SECTION VI

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD
HOUSING

Rainfall for 1968(Fielden Hospital)

January	4.92 ins	July	3.55 ins
February	2.27 "	August	2.57 "
March	7.23 "	September	10.82 "
April	3.14 "	October	5.19 "
May	5.25 "	November	6.31 "
June	4.47 "	December	2.41 "
		TOTAL	58.13 "

Drainage and Sewerage

No. of houses connected to sewer	6120
No. of houses with satisfactory private drainage	198
No. of houses with unsatisfactory drainage	405

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Schemes

i Completed during the year	Nil
ii Under construction at year end	Extension to Oldroyd
iii ~~Awaiting approval~~ at year end	Lumbutts, Mankinholes and Cross Stone Area
iv In preparation at year end	Reconstruction of Sewage Works

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The collection of house refuse by the paper sack system to 76 houses on the Ashenhurst estate continued to operate satisfactorily but the proposed extension of the scheme to cover all the Council owned dwellings on the estate and new Council development was deferred for financial reasons. The Council agreed however that householders could purchase sack holders and paper sacks in lieu of dustbins if they wished.

The collection of refuse is carried out by a Dennis 18/25 cubic yard Paxit III Continuous Loading Refuse Collection Vehicle and a Karrier Bantam Dual Tip Junior Refuse Collection Vehicle with Double Cab. Both vehicles are used full time on the work, providing a weekly collection in the Borough except for certain outlying districts where a fortnightly collection is made.

The Dennis 7 cubic yard Refuse Vehicle (Side Loader) is used as a standby vehicle, for the collection of refuse from the market, for the collection of large items of household refuse (free of charge) which cannot be collected during the weekly routine collection and for clearing up refuse which has been deposited at various points on the moorlands etc.

The collection of night soil is carried out by the Corporation gulley emptying machine which has been adapted for the purpose, the contents of the tank being discharged down a manhole situated on the main sewer some distance from the sewage works.

All the refuse is disposed of at Woodhouse Tip by "Controlled Tipping" and is carried out by the driver of a J.C.B. 3CS Loading Shovel. A Johnson "Twin/65 Model" 3E Dumper with Standard skip is used to transport material for covering over the deposited bays of refuse. The allotment site also situated at Woodhouse is used for the tipping of hardcore, building materials and spoil.

No charges are made for tipping "other refuse" on the tip.

The estimated weight of refuse collected during the year was 4,868 tons and it is estimated that in addition to household refuse some 15,686 tons of trade and builders refuse was also deposited on the tips at Woodhouse.

Salvage recovery also takes place at Woodhouse and comprises the collection, and where necessary, the sorting from refuse of various materials such as waste paper, scrap metals, textiles etc.

Almost all the waste paper is collected separately during the collection of household refuse, in addition to which there is a special collection from factories and business premises.

The income from the sale of salvaged materials was £2,134 11s. 4d. compared with £1,229 12s. 2d. for the previous year.

The following are the various items of salvage recovered during the year with the proceeds:-

Item	1967 Weight	1968 Weight	1967 Value	1968 Value
Waste Paper	(176½ tons)	278 tons	(£ 918 6 3)	£1,837 11 0
Scrap Metals	(14½ tons)	15½ tons	(£ 256 14 8)	£ 240 6 4
Textiles(Rags)Etc.	(3½ tons)	4 tons	(£ 54 11 3)	£ 56 14 0
	(194½ tons)	297½ tons	(£1229 12 2)	£2,134 11 4

The demand for our output of baled mixed waste paper remained steady throughout the year but the price was low for the 1st half of the year. As and from the 1st June on sales direct to mill and to merchant, the price increased by £2 10 0 per ton and there was a further increase on sales to merchant of 10/- per ton as and from the 1st October. The price of textiles remained steady, there was a slight increase on ferrous metals and a slight decrease on non-ferrous metals. Better prices were obtained where the non-ferrous metals had been stripped and kept separate.

The sorting and baling of waste paper is carried out by one

employee operating an electrically powered baling press.

The payment by the Council of incentive bonus for the employees of the Cleansing Department was continued during the year. Following representations by the Cleansing Department staff for a better incentive bonus, enquiries were made from adjoining local authorities and a report was submitted to the Council in September in which it was suggested that 10% be given to the men on all income up to £2100 per annum (equivalent to 20 tons of paper per month at £7 10s. per ton plus £300 for metals etc) and that income in excess of this figure be divided equally between the Council and the men, provided that the expenditure is not increased by overtime and extra staff. The scheme was agreed by the Council and submitted to the Employers Secretary of the N.J.C. for approval but this had not been received by the end of the year.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Total number of Inspections made in 1968 for:-

Nuisances only	59
Nuisances found in 1968	56
Nuisances in hand, end of 1967	39
Total needing abatement	95
Abated during 1968	64
Outstanding, end of 1968	31
Notices served, Informal	54
Complied with	62
Notices served, Statutory	2
Complied with	2
Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings	NIL

Regulated Buildings, Trades, etc.

Regulated Buildings Trades, etc.	No. in District	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	General Conditions	Legal Proceedings if any
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-		
Houses let in Lodgings	-	-	-		
Canal Boats	-	-	-		
Knackers Yards	-	-	-		
Tents, Vans and Sheds	-	-	-		
<u>Offensive Trades</u>					
2 Tripe Boilers)					
1 Fat Melter)					
6 Dressing Hides) for pickers or) Tanners)	10	10	4	Satisfactory	None
1 Fellmonger)					

Eradication of Bed Bug

No instance of bug infestation of houses, either Council or other, were found during the year.

PART 2Factories and Work Places

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection (3)	Written Notice (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	37	5	None	None
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	133	18	None	None
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	14	None	None	None
	184	23	None	None

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Reme- died (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspec- tor (4)	By H.M. Inspec- tor (5)	
Want of cleanliness	None	None	None	None	None
Overcrowding (S.2)	None	None	None	None	None
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	None	None	None	None	None
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	None	None	None	None	None
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	None	None	None	None	None
Sanitary Conveniences (s.7)					
(a) Insufficient	None	None	None	None	None
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	None	None	None	None	None
(c) Not separate for sexes	None	None	None	None	None
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	None	None	None	None	None
Total	None	None	None	None	None

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of Pros- ecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of inst- ances of work in un- wholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
(1)						
Wearing apparel; Making etc.	13	None	None	None	None	None
Cleaning and washing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	13	None	None	None	None	None

Closet Accommodation

The following table shows the number of the various types of closets in the Borough.

Privies with covered middens	..	..	..	..	..	about	70
Pail or Tub Closets (a) Houses	..	..	..	..			275
(b) Workplaces	..	..	..	..			26
							301
Water Closets (a) Houses	..	..	..	..	..		6434
(b) Workplaces	..	..	..	..	..		669
							7103
Waste Water Closets	..	..	..	..	..		103

Number of additional closets provided:-

Old property (a) W.C.'s	Nil	(b) Others	Nil
New Houses (a) W.C.'s	46	(b) Others	Nil

Number of Closets, other than private, reconstructed as W.C.'s -
Nil

With a view to securing the conversion of pail closets and slop closets to water closets the Corporation contribute one-half of the cost of conversion to a maximum of £20 per closet.

Hairdressers

The number of hairdressers or barbers and premises registered under the provisions of the West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, 1962, are as follows:-

Gentlemen's Hairdressers	7
Ladies' Hairdressers	22

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE DURING 1968

<u>Inspections of premises:-</u>	Total	2811
For nuisances, etc	.. .. .	59
Where infectious disease has occurred	.. .. .	39
Visits in connection infectious disease	.. .. .	22
Inspection of Factories	.. .. .	2

Inspections of premises continued

Inspection of premises where offensive trades are carried on	4
Inspections of bakehouses	12
Inspections under Clean Air Act, 1956 (Smoke Control Area) ..	300
Re-inspections under Clean Air Act, 1956 (Smoke Control Area)	55
Inspections of moveable dwellings	1
Inspections under Rent Act 1957	1
Inspections under Prevention of Damage by Pests Acts	222
Inspections of Closet Conversions	4
Inspections of Water Supplies	3
Inspections of work in progress	63
Inspections of Markets	11
Inspections under Housing Act, re overcrowding	4
Inspections under Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	15
Re-inspections under Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	1
Inspections of Animal Boarding Establishments	8
Inspections under Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order ..	3
Inspections of Hairdressers	3
Inspections under Housing Act, 1957	237
Inspections under Pet Animals Act, 1957	Nil
Re-inspections under Housing Act, 1957	518
Re-inspection as to compliance with Notices	449
Inspections under Public Health Acts	100
Re-inspections under Public Health Acts	44
Inspections of Food Premises	110
Inspections of Refuse Tip at Woodhouse	42
Miscellaneous visits and inspections	547
Interviews with Owners, Builders etc	286
Colour Test applied to drains	51
Smoke Test applied to drains	6
Smoke observations taken	30
Samples of ice-cream taken for bacteriological examination	5
Samples of water taken for plumbo-solvency	53
Samples of water taken for bacteriological examination ..	40
Number of complaints investigated	132
Cases abated under preliminary notice	161
Cases abated under Statutory Notice	97
Cases dealt with under Closet Conversion Scheme	1
Samples of milk taken for bacteriological examination ..	161
Visits for Inspection of Poultry	139
Number of premises disinfested	-
<u>SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICES ETC.</u>	

DURING 1968.

HOUSE DRAINAGE

House drains repaired, cleansed etc.	12
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SANITARY CONVENIENCES

Closets repaired, cleansed etc.	23
Waste water closets converted into water closets	1
Water closets demolished	50
Tub closets abolished	Nil

Summary of work continuedHOUSES DEALT WITH UNDER HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Houses repaired by informal notice	..	..	..	..	..	28
Houses demolished	..	..	..	..	..	114
Houses repaired by statutory notice	..	..	..	..	..	1

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Heating facilities provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
General cleansing carried out	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
First Aid Boxes provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Premises decorated	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lighting provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Premises repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Handrails provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Machine guards provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Thermometers provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Abstract of Act provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wash hand basins provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hot and cold water to wash hand basins	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Lighting provided to water closet apartment	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Male water closet accommodation provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Intervening space to water closet provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Water closets repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Stairs repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Hot water supply to sink provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Seating accommodation provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	-

MISCELLANEOUS

No. of seizures of unsound food	..	..	..	..	..	45
No. of galvanised iron dustbins provided	..	..	..	..	..	15
No. of premises cleansed and disinfested	..	..	..	..	..	12
No. of accumulations of manure, refuse etc., removed	..	..	..	..	..	5
Pollutions of water supplies remedied	..	..	..	..	..	4
No. of houses provided with proper water supply	..	..	..	..	..	1

FOOD PREMISES

Suitable storage facilities provided	..	..	..	..	..	-
Wash-hand basins provided	..	..	..	..	..	9
Hot water supply provided	..	..	..	..	..	1
General Cleansing carried out	..	..	..	..	..	6
Nailbrushes provided	..	..	..	..	..	2
Hot and cold water supply to wash-hand basins	..	..	..	..	..	7
Re-decoration	..	..	..	..	..	2
Walls and ceilings repaired	..	..	..	..	..	1
Floors repaired	..	..	..	..	..	4
New sinks provided	..	..	..	..	..	5
Sanitary Accommodation repaired	..	..	..	..	..	1
Covers provided for open food	..	..	..	..	..	2
Drains cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	1
Additional W.C.'s provided	..	..	..	..	..	4
Hot and cold water supply to sinks	..	..	..	..	..	4
New draining board provided	..	..	..	..	..	1
General repairs carried out	..	..	..	..	..	4
Artificial lighting provided	..	..	..	..	..	2
Machines guarded	..	..	..	..	..	1
Refuse receptacle provided	..	..	..	..	..	-
Container provided for knives	..	..	..	..	..	-
Recorder provided	..	..	..	..	..	-

Summary of work continued

First Aid Boxes provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lighting provided to Water closet apartment	..	..	..					1
Rubbish removed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ventilation provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

MORTUARY ACCOMMODATION

The public mortuary at Hebden Bridge is used jointly by Todmorden Borough, Hebden Royd Urban and Hepton Rural District Councils. Expenses for the maintainance of the premises are apportioned between the three authorities on a Rateable Value basis.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Number of Milk Distributors registered - 58

Sampling

No. of samples of milk taken for Biological examination:-

(a) Tuberculosis - Nil

(b) Brucellosis -

Ring Test - 151 No. positive - 18

Culture Test - 151 No. positive - 3

Individual cow samples were taken in all cases where a positive result was obtained on culture test on bulk samples of milk which had been obtained for examination for brucellosis. Individual samples have also been taken at the request of the Laboratory, where a very strong positive ring test was obtained. Some of the local producer/retailers are submitting samples of milk for examination from all newly acquired cows and from cows after their first calving.

POULTRY INSPECTION

Inspections of the poultry at the two packing stations in the Borough are being made regularly and on the lines indicated in Circular 22/61 of the Ministry of Health,

The total number of birds processed during the year was 26,834 which comprised turkeys, broilers and hens. 138 visits were made to the premises and the weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption was 300lbs. (.0015%).

The total number of birds inspected comprised 7,768 turkeys and 1,631 hens, and the total number condemned comprised 30 turkeys and 11 hens.

The majority of the birds slaughtered are high quality turkeys. Sick or moribund birds are not slaughtered for human consumption.

Slaughterhouses Act, 1958

There are no licensed slaughterhouses within the Borough.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

4 renewal licences were issued to persons to act as slaughtermen under the above act.

All the licences enable the slaughtermen concerned to slaughter cattle, sheep, pigs and goats, and the types of instrument to be used for stunning are either a captive bolt or electrocutor.

OTHER FOODS CONDEMNED

The unsound food condemned comprised the following:-
103 cans and 43 packets of meat, 173 cans of 4 packets of fruit, 2 jars of pickles, 32 cans and 112 packets of fish, 30 cans and 3 packets of puddings, 223 cans and 213 packets of vegetables, 7 cans of milk, 9 cartons of cream, 3 cartons of cheese slices, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb peanuts, 2 lbs. of sugar, 3 cans of golden syrup, 2 meat and 1 fruit pies, 1 pot jam, 1 can Irish stew, 1 packet of salt, 16 packets of pastry, 8 packets of cheeseburgers, 19 lbs. $15\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. ham and bacon, $23\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of sausage and 24 lbs. of offal.

Ice-Cream and Preserved Food

There is one manufacturer of ice-cream in the Borough. Ice-cream supplied by makers outside the Borough is sold at approximately 76 shops and the majority of this is sold wrapped.

19 premises are registered for the manufacture of sausages, pressed, pickled or preserved food.

A certain quantity of ice-cream is sold from mobile vans which tour the Borough and these are registered under the West Riding (General Powers) Act, 1951.

5 samples of ice-cream were taken for bacteriological examination during the year. Number satisfactory - 5.

Food Premises

110 inspections were made of premises where food is prepared or sold including shops, bakehouses, ice-cream manufacturers, tripe dressers and the Corporation market.

In 92 cases the premises were found to be in a satisfactory condition and cleanly state. Informal notices were served in the case of 17 premises requiring work to be carried out to bring the premises up to the standard required by the Food Hygiene Regulations, and works of improvement were carried out during the year at 26 premises in compliance with notices.

Food Hawkers

There are 19 persons registered as Hawkers of Food under the provisions of the West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951.

These comprise - 4 hawkers of ice-cream
 7 hawkers of butcher's meat
 4 hawkers of greengrocery and fish etc.
 2 grocers
 1 confectioner
 1 hot dog stall

Moveable Dwellings

Number of sites licensed for caravans for holiday and recreational purposes	None
Number of caravans on these sites	None
Number of sites licensed for caravans for residential purposes	None
Number of caravans on these sites	None
Number of caravans licensed individually	None
Are there any problems arising from the use of moveable dwellings in the district	No

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950The Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957.

Licences are in force authorising the holders of the licences to operate plant and equipment for the boiling of waste foods under and in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Order and the conditions of the licence at the under-mentioned premises:-

Dean Piggeries, Bacup Road.
 North Bottomley Farm, Walsden.
 South Bottomley Farm, Walsden.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACTS, 1963.

Licences were issued during the year authorising the holder of the licence to keep an animal boarding establishments in accordance with the conditions endorsed on the licence at the under-mentioned premises:-

Lower Longfield Farm, Todmorden.
 Lane Top Farm, Cross Stone, Todmorden.
 Southlands, Pudsey Road, Cornholme, Todmorden.
 Royd Farm, Todmorden.

CLEAN AIR ACTS 1956 & 1968.Industrial Smoke

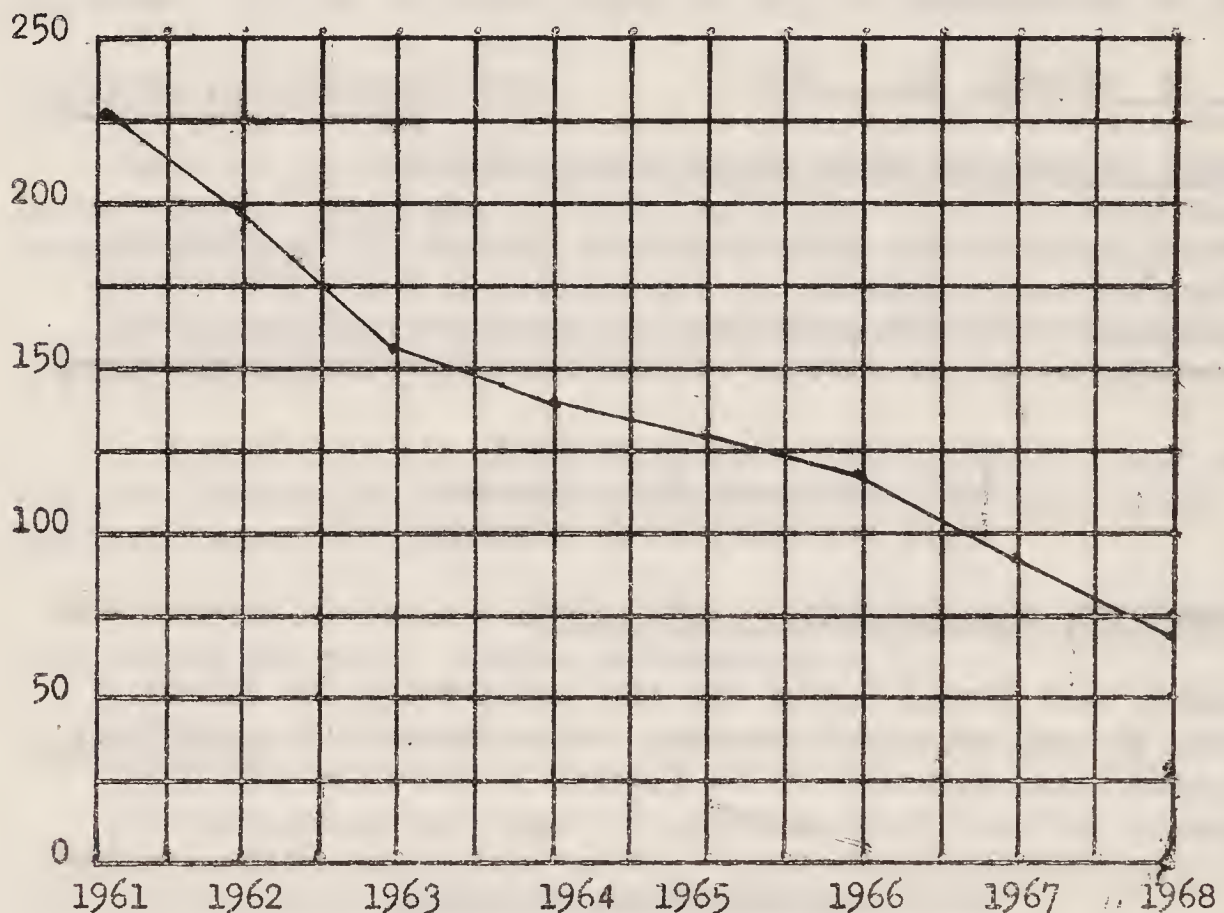
During the year 11 smoke observations of 30 minutes duration, 1 of one hour duration and 1 of 1½ hours duration were made of factory chimneys in various parts of the Borough. All the observations were made with the aid of a "Telesmoke" and "Mieroringelmann" Shade Card.

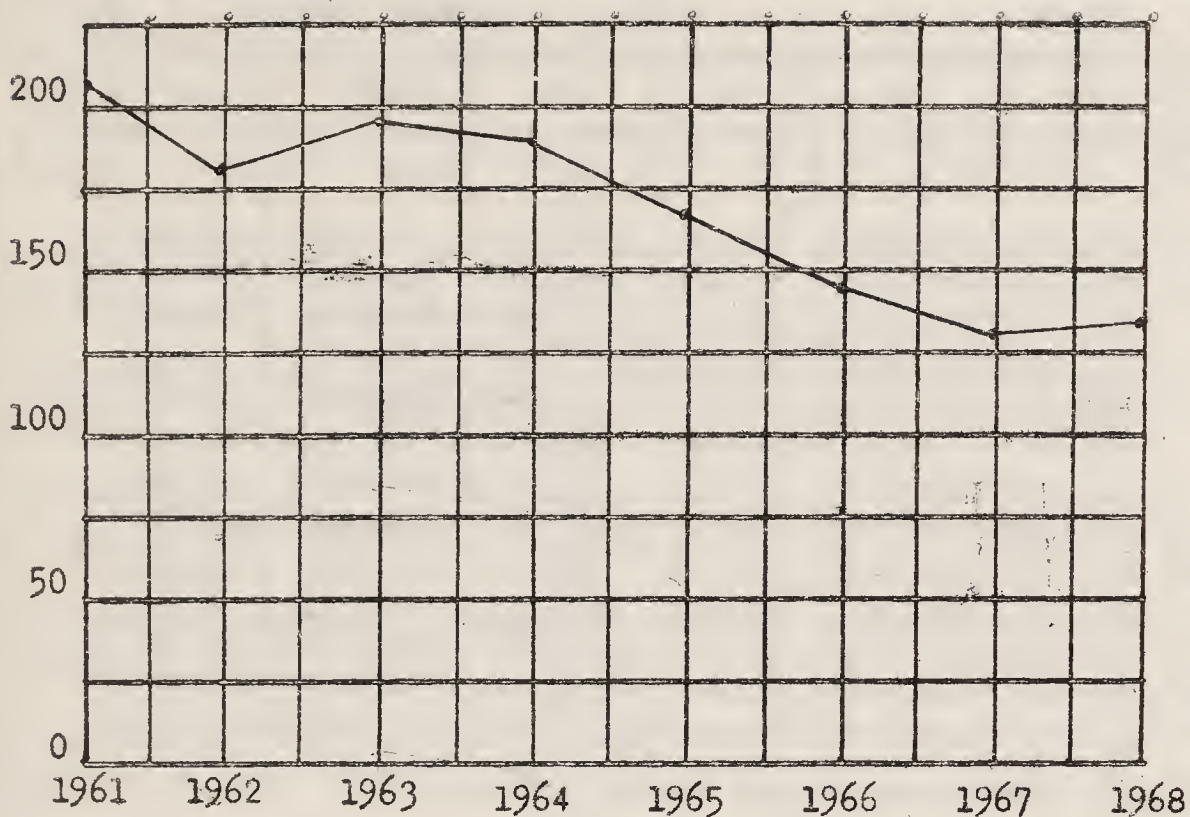
In none of the cases did the amount of smoke emitted contravene the Regulations.

There was no nuisance during the year from the colliery spoil bank which is situated on the Borough boundary between Todmorden and Bacup.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Graph showing yearly average of smoke and sulphur dioxide in microgrammes per cubic metre.

Smoke

Sulphur Dioxide

A Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide Volumetric Apparatus is installed at the Medical Centre, and daily readings therefrom have been taken throughout the year. The machine records the amount of soot or suspended matter in the atmosphere and also the concentration of sulphur dioxide. Weather details such as the strength and direction of the wind, cloud coverage, general weather conditions and temperatures are noted at the same time.

At the end of each month records of the readings obtained from the instrument are sent to the Department of Scientific and Industrial research who have undertaken a National Survey on Air Pollution, and these records, together with those from other authorities are circulated to participating authorities each month.

Details of the records obtained by the apparatus, the site and installation of which has been approved by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, are set out in the following table:-

	Smoke			Sulphur Dioxide		
	AV	HV	LV	AV	HV	LV
<u>Month</u>						
January	107(224)	376(507)	10(15)	170(225)	431(588)	42(88)
February	134(94)	419(333)	31(16)	209(112)	540(382)	57(40)
March	64(45)	251(166)	14(15)	132(79)	608(148)	32(28)
April	65(75)	135(309)	25(17)	137(115)	226(271)	57(44)
May	58(69)	100(137)	23(23)	173(95)	238(181)	59(46)
June	29(47)	72(87)	13(20)	81(86)	193(170)	6(22)
July	32(34)	67(63)	7(15)	68(76)	149(111)	35(29)
August	29(53)	56(124)	12(13)	63(91)	116(310)	31(30)
September	45(79)	136(175)	8(14)	79(91)	172(151)	32(31)
October	77(59)	197(117)	19(25)	128(105)	319(177)	43(59)
November	102(233)	353(762)	23(18)	170(297)	472(1238)	57(48)
December	137(144)	348(620)	29(14)	227(187)	386(803)	83(39)

Explanations of the abbreviations are as follows:

AV = Monthly average scales of concentration

HV = Highest concentration of any one day during the month.

LV = Lowest concentration on any one day during the month.

The figures in brackets indicate corresponding concentration during 1967.

The figures of concentration are in microgrammes per cubic metre.

It will be seen from the above that as the weather grows colder the concentration of both smoke and sulphur dioxide increase.

Analysis of the results taken since the apparatus was installed in 1961 shows that the overall level of pollution is gradually decreasing. The yearly average and percentage increase or decrease are set out in the table below. The figures in column one and two give the yearly averages of Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide whilst the figures in columns three and four give the percentage increase or decrease over the previous year.

The figures in columns five and six give the decrease of Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide since 1961.

Year	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
1961	229	208	/	/	/	/
1962	197	178	14.0 % Dec.	14.4 % Dec.	14.0 %	14.4 %
1963	167	189	15.2 % Dec.	5.8 % Inc.	27.07%	9.1 %
1964	147	188	12.0 % Dec.	0.53% Dec.	35.8 %	9.6 %
1965	126	172	14.29% Dec.	8.51% Dec.	44.98%	17.31%
1966	119	145	5.55% Dec.	15.7 % Dec.	48.05%	30.27%
1967	92	130	22.68% Dec.	10.34% Dec.	59.82%	37.5 %
1968	73	135	20.65% Dec.	3.84% Inc.	68.12%	35.1 %

Domestic Smoke

The Borough of Todmorden(No.6) Smoke Control Order, 1967 came into operation on the 1st September, 1968.

It is gratifying to report that the majority of the works of adaptation or replacement of appliances were done following the service of informal notice, and it was only found necessary to serve statutory notices on the owners of 24 dwellings. This was done solely to prevent the forfeit of grant, due to delay in the delivery of appliances. In no instance was it found necessary for the work to be done by the local authority in default of the owner.

A summary of the total final costs is as follows:-

Private houses (174 converted)	£7024. 9s. 2d.
Council houses (85 converted)	£2163. 14s. 8d.
	£9188. 3s. 10d.

Apportioned to:-

Ministry of Housing and Local Government.	£3686. 10. 10.
Private householders, Council tenants, Housing Committee.	£2745. 3. 10.
Health Committee.	£2756. 9. 2.
	£9188. 3. 10.

In two cases of hardship the whole of the cost of the work of conversion was borne by the Council.

The trend away from the solid fuel open fire was further continued in this area and the following appliances were fitted with ~~the~~ aid of grant:-

Improved inset open fires	.. .. .	16
Gas fires	.. .. .	173
Solid fuel room heaters	.. .. .	24
F/A and U.F.D. open fires	.. .. .	64
Block storage heaters	.. .. .	11
Immersion heaters/Gas water heaters	.. .. .	11

The Borough of Todmorden (No.7) Smoke Control Order, 1968, was made on the 24th May, 1968, was confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government on the 13th August, 1968 and is due to come into operation on the 1st September, 1969.

The total number of premises included in the area is as follows:-

Industrial	15
Commercial	113
Dwellings	430
Other premises	216
Total	774

The area is approximately 178 acres and is bounded by a line commencing at the junction of Sunnyside with Rose Bank Road; thence in a generally easterly direction along the northerly boundary of Rose Bank Road to its junction with Hall Street; thence in a generally easterly direction along the northerly side of Hall Street to its junction with Rochdale Road; thence in a generally north-easterly or northerly direction across Rochdale Road to the north-westerly or westerly boundary of Water Street; thence along the north-westerly or westerly boundary of Water Street to its junction with Halifax Road; thence across Halifax Road in a northerly direction to the northerly boundary of the road; thence in a generally easterly direction along the northerly boundary of Halifax Road to the south-westerly corner of No. 117 Halifax Road; thence in a southerly direction across Halifax Road

and along the westerly boundary of Hope Street Mill to the towpath of the Rochdale Canal; thence in a south-easterly direction along the northerly boundary of the towpath of the Rochdale Canal to a point ten yards west of the south-westerly corner of Der Street; thence in an irregular line in a south-easterly direction to the westerly side of the track separating Longfield Wood from Kilnhurst Wood; thence in a generally southerly direction to the south-easterly corner of Longfield Wood; thence in a generally westerly direction in an irregular line including Longfield Wood; Longfield Scout Quarry and Longfield Road to the easterly boundary of Longfield Quarry; thence in a south-easterly direction and later in a southerly direction to the easterly side of the junction of Longfield Lane and Long Hey Lane including the properties at Lower Longfield Farm and Middle Longfield Farm but excluding the properties at Higher Longfield Farm and Higher Longfield Cottages; thence in a generally south-westerly direction along the southerly side of Longfield Lane to its junction with Shoebread Lane; thence in a generally north-westerly direction along the westerly side of Shoebread Lane including the properties at Shoebread Farm to a point approximately thirty-four yards south of the Unitarian Church; thence in an irregular line in a generally south-westerly direction passing along the easterly bank of Walsden Water to Shade School; thence along the easterly side of Rochdale Road to the south-westerly corner of the Knowlwood and Shade Methodist Chapel; thence across Rochdale Road to the centre arch of the Manchester-Leeds railway line of the British Railways Board at the junction of Rochdale Road and Bacup Road; thence across the said railway line; thence in a generally north-easterly direction along the westerly boundary of the said railway line to the point of commencement.

In view of the replies which were received from the fuel producers and suppliers, regarding fuel supplies for the (No.6) Smoke Control Order it was assumed that adequate supplies of all types of open grate fuel would be available and that householders would, as a consequence, have the option of installing or adapting any of the following appliances:-

- (a) adapting an improved open grate to burn solid smokeless fuel.
- (b) replacing a coal burning grate by an improved open grate.
- (c) replacing a coal burning grate by an under floor draught open fire, fan assisted fire, electric storage heater, or solid fuel, gas, electric or oil room heater.
- (d) replacing an improved open grate with any of the appliances listed in (c) above.

In view of the wide variation in the cost of installing the different types of appliances, it was not possible to estimate precisely the total costs that could be involved. With this in mind therefore and in order to arrive as closely as possible to the total estimated costs without undue delay, a postal survey was carried out, and questionnaires were sent to all householders requesting information as to the type of existing appliances, the fuel used, the provision of immersion heaters, back boilers and gas supply, and the type of appliance which would be preferred as a

replacement,

The Council houses which are included in the area consist of the traditionally built flats at Vernon Place and the pre-fabricated bungalows at Wadsworth Avenue. As far as the Vernon Place flats are concerned these were originally fitted with improved open fires and in view of this the Housing Committee of the Council decided that they would not replace these appliances, but that tenants could, if they so desired, carry out works of adaptation or replacement and claim the grant for so doing, on the understanding that, in the event of vacation, the appliance on which grant had been paid was to be left undisturbed for the use of future tenants. With regard to the pre-fabricated bungalows at Wadsworth Avenue, 6 of these were fitted with the original Siesta solid fuel heaters and 2 were fitted with open fires in tiled surrounds. The Housing Committee decided that as the Siesta heaters were now obsolete and were incapable of burning the full range of solid smokeless fuels likely to be available, they should be replaced with modern approved solid fuel room heaters in new tiled surrounds and that the two open fires be replaced with fan assisted inset open fires.

Of the 343 questionnaires sent to private householders, 285 were returned in the time specified and from an analysis of these, which represented an 83% sample, the total number of appliances and costs for the whole area were calculated.

A summary of the total estimated costs is as follows:-

Private dwellings	£13,885.	8.	11.
Council houses	£ 693.	18.	11.
Total	£14,579.	7.	10.

Immediately following confirmation of the Order a team of demonstrators from the Coal Utilisation Council and a demonstration van from the National Coal Board toured the Area and as a result estimates for works of adaptation or conversion were submitted for approval at an early stage and continued to the end of the year.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Details of premises registered and general inspections carried out during the year together with the number of visits to registered premises and the analysis of persons employed therein are as set out below:--

TABLE A
REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises (1)	Number of premises registered during the year (2)	Total number of regis- tered premises at end of year (3)	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspec- tion during the year (4)
Offices	3	33	2
Retail Shops	2	86	9
Wholesale shops, warehouses	NIL	1	NIL
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	NIL	10	1
Fuel storage depots	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTALS	5	130	12

TABLE B - NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

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TABLE C - ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	178
Retail Shops	235
Wholesale departments, warehouses	7
Catering establishments open to the public	84
Canteens	5
Fuel storage depots	NIL
Total	509
Total Males	203
Total Females	306

No applications for exemption were received during the year and no prosecutions were instituted.

Rodent Control

Inspections and treatments of premises for the detection and destruction of rats and mice are in the main carried out by the Cleansing Department Foreman, who is engaged part time on this work.

Inspections are also made of food premises, offensive trades, houses, etc., for the presence of rodents by the Public Health Inspectors during routine visits.

Details of infestations are shown in the following table, and treatments were carried out where premises were found to be infested:-

Properties other than Sewers	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	8653	79
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	169	2
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	67	1
(ii) Mice	102	1
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	6	1
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	4	1
(ii) Mice	2	NIL

Sewers

4. Were any sewers infested by rats during the year? Yes

HOUSINGHousing Act 1957

During the year the Council were recommended to declare the following areas to be Clearance Areas:-

<u>Area</u>	<u>Property affected</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>
Walsden Ward (No. 15)	333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, Rochdale Road; 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, Knowlwood Road.	20

<u>Area</u>	<u>Property affected</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>
Cornholme Ward(No.22) Clearance Area.	38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52 Kitson Wood Road; 4 Jumps Road; 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 Brewery Street; 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, Marshall Street.	20
Todmorden Ward(No.27) Clearance Area.	92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110/112, Bacup Road	10
Stansfield Ward(No.15) Clearance Area.	2 Dover Street; 2, 4, Phoenix Street; 265, 267 Halifax Road.	5
Stansfield Ward(No.16) Clearance Area.	292, 294 Halifax Road; 9 Swan Place; 19, 20 Back Swan Place.	5
Todmorden Ward(No.25) Clearance Area	1, 3, 5, 2, 4, Bacup Road; 1, 5, 7 Dancroft Yard.	8
Todmorden Ward(No.26)	164, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178 Bacup Road.	6
Cornholme Ward(No.21) Clearance Area.	2, 4 Knotts Street	2
Total number of houses involved		<u>76</u>

During the year 113 houses were demolished which were included in Clearance Areas. They are as follows:-

<u>Area</u>	<u>Property affected</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>
Stansfield Ward(No.10) Clearance Area.	284, 286, 288 Halifax Road; 1, 3, 5, Swan Place.	6
Central Ward(No.10) Clearance Area	4, 6, 8 Brook Stree; 1 Back Brook Street.	4
Cornholme Ward(No.15) Clearance Area.	775 Burnley Road; 1, 2, 4, 6 Industrial Buildings.	5
Central Ward(No.8) Clearance Area.	10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 Brook Street; 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, Back Brook Street	19
Cornholme Ward(No.14) Clearance Area.	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 Shackleton Street; 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23 Bobbin Street 711, 713 Burnley Road.	24
Central Ward(No.9) Clearance Area.	46, 48 Stansfield Road; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Pickles Court; 4, 6, 8, 10 Upper Raglan Street.	12

<u>Area</u>	<u>Property affected</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>
Langfield Ward(No.17) Clearance Area.	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17 Bank Street; 1,2,3,4,6/5,8/7,10/9,12/11,14/13, 16,18 Goshen Terrace.	20
• Cornholme Ward(no.18) Clearance Area.	590,592 Burnley Road.	2
• Cornholme Ward(No.19) Clearance Area.	608,610,612,614,616,618 Burnley Road.	6
Walsden Ward(No.12) Clearance Area.	2,4,6,8,10,12,14,Fair Mount;5,7,9, 11,13,15,17 Melbourne Road.	14
Individual Unfit	514 Burnley Road/35 Knotts Street	1
Total number of houses demolished.		<u>113</u>

15 houses which were included in the Council's Proposed Slum Clearance Programme were ~~also~~ demolished by informal action during the year.

10 houses were represented as Individual Unfit Houses during the year and are as follows:-

8/7	Woodhouse.
9	Hollins Green, Cloughfoot.
6	Lord Street, Walsden.
8	Lord Street, Walsden.
554	Burnley Road, Knotts.
556	Burnley Road, Knotts.
1 off 389	Halifax Road.
7	Bond Street.
21	Dale Street.
23	Dale Street.

Closing Orders were made by the Council during the year in respect of 9 Marshall Street, Lydgate; 76 Well Street, 3 Inchfield Road, Walsden; 6 Lord Street, Walsden; 8 Lord Street, Walsden; 9 Hollins Green, Cloughfoot; and 556 Burnley Road, Knotts.

Demolition Orders were made in respect of Meadow Bottom Cottage, Walsden; 8/7 Woodhouse, 17 and 19/21 Duke Street, Eastwood, but these were later determined in respect of Meadow Bottom Cottage and 8/7 Woodhouse and Closing Orders made in substitution.

As a result of objections being made, a local public enquiry was held in connection with the Stansfield Ward(No.13) Clearance Area which was being dealt with by means of a Clearance Order.

The following Clearance and Compulsory Purchase Orders were confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government during the year:-

<u>Clearance Area</u>	<u>Clearance Order</u>	<u>Compulsory Purchase Order</u>
Stansfield Ward(No.12)	-	Borough of Todmorden C.P.O. (No.6) 1967.
Stansfield Ward(No.13)	Yes	-
Cornholme Ward(No.20)	-	Borough of Todmorden C.P.O. (No.7) 1967.
Stansfield Ward(No.14)	-	Borough of Todmorden C.P.O. (No.2) 1968.
Walsden Ward(No.14)	-	Borough of Todmorden C.P.O. (No.3) 1968.
Central Ward(No.15)	-	Borough of Todmorden C.P.O. (No.1) 1968.
Todmorden Ward(No.25)	-	Borough of Todmorden C.P.O. (No.4) 1968.
Todmorden Ward(No.26)	-	Borough of Todmorden C.P.O. (No.5) 1968.
Cornholme Ward(No.21)	Yes	-

During the year 180 persons comprising 72 families were displaced from houses in Clearance Areas and 8 persons comprising 2 families were displaced from houses the subject of Closing Orders.

The number of families re-housed into Council owned dwellings from Clearance Areas was 27 comprising 79 persons.

In addition to the houses dealt with in Clearance Areas, etc., as previously mentioned, 13 houses were inspected and various defects were found such as leaking roofs, dampness, defective plasterwork etc., and owners were requested by informal notices to carry out the necessary repairs. In 3 cases formal notices were served. Repairs were carried out during the year to 29 houses, and in 1 case in compliance with a statutory notice.

Details of Advances for the purpose of Acquiring or Constructing Houses.

Advances for acquiring or improving houses are made by the Council under the Housing Financial Provisions Act, 1958(Section 43).

Improvement Grants and Standard Grants

Applications and inquiries for Improvement Grants continued to be made throughout the year, and 12 houses were inspected for this purpose.

The House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, made the Standard Grant obligatory on all Local Authorities subject to the installation of the following five amenities:-

- (1) Fixed bath or shower in a bathroom.
- (2) Wash-hand basin.
- (3) Hot water supply

(4) Water closet in or contiguous to the dwelling.

(5) Satisfactory facilities for the storage of food.

At the end of the year 98 dwellings were inspected in connection with applications or inquiries for Standard Grants.

The following table gives details of applications received, the number of applications approved, and the number of dwellings completed during the year.

	Formal applications received during the year	Applications approved during the year	No. of dwellings completed during the year
	No. of dwellings	No. of dwellings	
(a) Conversions	3	3	2
(b) Improvements	107	104	87

New Dwellings

The number of new dwellings completed during the year is as follows:-

By the Local Authority	34
By private enterprise	12
By West Riding County Council	Nil

Rent Act, 1957

Part I Applications for Certificates of Disrepair

1. Number of applications for certificates	1
2. Number of decisions not to issue certificates ..	Nil
3. Number of decisions to issue certificates ..	
(a) in respect of some but not all defects ..	Nil
(b) in respect of all defects	1
4. Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	Nil
5. Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule ..	Nil
6. Number of certificates issued	1

Part II Applications for Cancellation of Certificates

7.	Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificate	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
8.	Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificate	..					Nil
9.	Decision by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objections	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
10.	Certificate cancelled by Local Authority	..	..	..			Nil

Overcrowding

No cases of overcrowding were brought to the notice of the Department during the year.